

Trip Planning Assistance

What's the quickest route? Are there any military installations along the way? Where's a good place to stop? These are all questions that we think about when traveling. Trip planning offers you step-by-step directions and maps, and also allows you to enter specific stops and much more. For more information, stop by the Family Readiness Center, Building 1526 or call 526-4590.

Relocation Briefs

Offered weekly, as part of the outprocessing brief.

- ✓ Overseas Brief - Tuesdays,
7:45am to 8:00am, Welcome Center
- ✓ Stateside Brief - Thursdays,
7:45am to 8:00am, Welcome Center

To receive a SITES packet, contact the Relocation Readiness Program at (719) 526-4590. Individual consultations are also available.



Destination Korea and Germany

Going overseas? Attend our Destination workshop and learn about the Korean or German cultures. Participants hear from subject matter experts and experience the food of that country. To register for an upcoming workshop, call (719) 526-4590.

Waiting Families

This program is a support network for soldiers and families who are geographically separated. To learn more and register your family in this valuable program, contact the Relocation Readiness Program at (719) 526-4590.

English as a Second Language

ESL classes are free and are on a space-available basis. Participants are required to be a Department of the Defense ID cardholder. Registration and testing are required before initial class attendance. Free childcare on space available basis with pre-registration. For more information, contact the Relocation Readiness Program at (719) 526-4590.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

If you have access to a computer, there are numerous websites that offer relocation assistance. The following are some of those sites:

- ✓ **Fort Carson:** www.carson.army.mil
- ✓ **Installation Database:** <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/sites/index.jsp>
- ✓ **BAH Rates:** <https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/>
- ✓ **My Army Life (Army Community Service):** <http://www.myarmylifetoo.com/skins/malt/home.aspx?mode=user>
- ✓ **Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce:** <http://www.coloradospringschamber.org/site/>
- ✓ **Fort Carson Army Community Service:** <http://community.carson.army.mil/ACS/>
- ✓ **Fort Carson DMWR:** <http://mwr.carson.army.mil/>
- ✓ **Colorado Department of Education:** <http://www.cde.state.co.us/>
- ✓ **Pikes Peak Association of Realtors (PPAR):** <http://www.ppar.com/>
- ✓ **Army Civilian Personnel Online:** <http://www.cpol.army.mil/>

OTHER ACS PROGRAMS

Army Family Action Plan (AFAP)

Army Emergency Relief (AER)

Budget & Debt Counseling

Community Mayoral Program

Employment Assistance

Family and Victim Advocacy

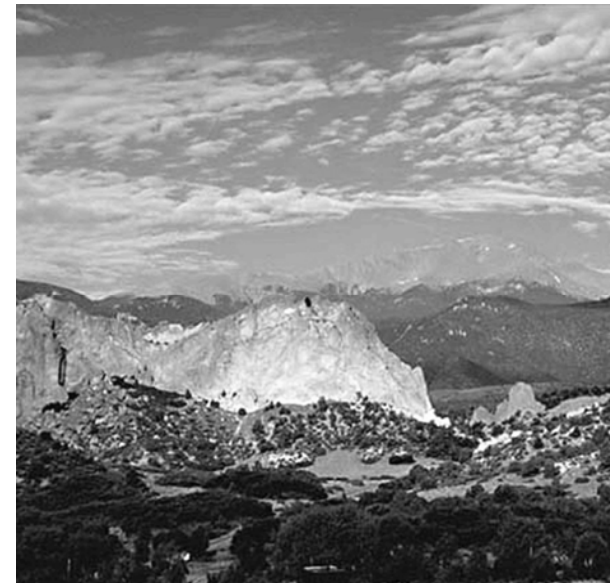
Financial & Consumer Classes

Victim Advocacy

Parenting & Couples Classes

Volunteer Opportunities

Call us to discover the many opportunities we have to offer.



Relocation Readiness Program

For more information, call (719) 526-4590.

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Fort Carson, Colorado 80913-4104
TEL (719) 526-4590 / TTY: (719) 526-1949
FAX (719) 526-2637 / TOLL FREE: 1-866-804-8763
WEBSITE: www.carson.army.mil (Click on Staff & Support)
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Army Community Service (ACS)

Relocation Readiness Program



"Making Your Move Smoother, Coming or Going"

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

“Connecting Your Family With Ours”

Are you new to Fort Carson or have you been here a while and can't find what you need? If so, come on by and let's get acquainted! Our Welcome Center for Families is located on Barkeley Avenue in building 1354. We're open from Monday to Friday, from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Our assistance includes:

- ✓ Volunteer Opportunities
- ✓ Welcome Gift for New Arrivals
- ✓ Community Networking Assistance
- ✓ Family Readiness Group Information
 - ✓ SHARE Colorado
- ✓ Carson Cares Spouse Orientation
 - ✓ Toy & Book Exchange
 - ✓ Homebuyer's Workshop
 - ✓ Internet/Email Access
 - ✓ Conference Room Facility
 - ✓ Personal Consultations

Carson Cares Newcomers Orientation

The Newcomers Orientation is offered monthly to spouses who are new to the Mountain Post giving them the opportunity to learn about programs and services at Fort Carson. Topics discussed include Tri-care, Morale Welfare & Recreation (DMWR), Child & Youth Services (CYS), volunteering, Army Family Team Building (AFTB), employment, altitude tips, deployment planning, the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) and Financial Readiness. The orientation also includes a van tour of the installation, refreshment's and the opportunity to meet new friends. Advance registration is required for the orientation, as well as the childcare (which is free). Call and reserve your spot today, (719) 526-1070 or 526-0457. We look forward to meeting you!



Toy & Book Exchange

Do you have children? Are your household goods in transit? Stop by and see what we have to offer at the Toy & Book Exchange. You or your child may select a toy or book to keep. This program exists

through the generosity of donations and is only available to children staying in temporary lodging.



Newcomer Assistance

- ✓ Fort Carson Post Guide and Telephone Directory
 - ✓ Maps for Colorado Springs and Fort Carson
 - ✓ Altitude Adjustment Tips
- ✓ Information on School Districts and Registration
 - ✓ Multicultural Assistance
 - ✓ Colorado Springs Relocation Guide
 - ✓ Colorado Springs Visitors' Guide
 - ✓ Child & Youth Services Information
 - ✓ Community Recreation Information
 - ✓ Religious Activities and Services
- ✓ Post/Community Resource Referrals
 - ✓ Area Attractions
 - ✓ Guest Housing Information
 - ✓ Immigration and Naturalization

Loan Closet

Offers temporary household goods to families that are arriving or departing from Fort Carson. A Department of Defense ID card is required. The following are some of the items that are available.

- ✓ Hospitality Kits (pots, pans, dishes, glasses, etc.)
- ✓ Infant and Toddler Car Seats
- ✓ Folding Tables and Chairs
- ✓ Portable Baby Cribs and Strollers
 - ✓ Irons and Ironing Boards
- ✓ Crock Pots and Electric Skilletts
- ✓ Coffee Makers and Alarm Clocks

- ✓ Cots and Vacuums
- ✓ Hand Mixers and Toasters



Homebuying Workshop

Sign up and attend our ACS Homebuying Workshop that is taught by licensed realtors and professional mortgage lenders. Participants receive a variety of information and learn about the process of buying a home and securing a mortgage. Call, (719) 526-0457 to register for an upcoming workshop.

Cultural Support Groups

The Relocation Readiness Program currently offers three cultural support groups for family members:

- ✓ German Support Group (Every other Wednesday from 10:00am to Noon)
- ✓ Asian Support Group (1st Thursday of the month from 11:00am to 1:00pm)
- ✓ Hispanic Support Group (2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:00am to Noon)

These groups meet at the Family Connection and enjoy socializing, exchanging recipes, speaking in their native languages and sharing common cultural issues. If you are interested in participating or organizing a support group representing your own culture, please call the Family Connection at (719) 526-1070 or 526-0457.

Sponsorship Training

Are you interested in helping another Soldier get settled in our area? Talk to your commander about becoming a sponsor! Sponsorship Training is now available online to all units. For more information, call (719) 526-0457 or stop by the Family Connection.

Multi-Cultural Assistance

Do you need general Immigration and Naturalization information? Stop by and we can assist you with immigration issues, to include Visas, greencards, INS

forms and citizenship. Clients are seen as follows:

- ✓ Active Duty: BN or BCT S-1 and MPD Representative
- ✓ Family Members of Active Duty: ACS provides forms, basic information, & appointments.
- ✓ Retirees & their Family Members: ACS only provides forms and basic assistance.

For all other assistance, please visit the Immigration and Naturalization office in Denver. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (719) 526-1070.

THE FAMILY READINESS CENTER

Not sure how to move? Need more information on where you are going? The Relocation Readiness Program is here to assist you! We can provide you with the resources to make an informed relocation decision. We offer services in the following areas:

- Out-bound consultations, individual or family.
- Relocation-related educational classes
- Welcome packets and information on military installations and communities around the world
- Foreign language tapes and videos
- Individual Deployment Planning
- Free auto maps & destination directions
- Waiting Families
- English as a Second Language

